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SUBJECT: ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY

1. ON MARCH 12 THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) TELEPHONED THE MISSION SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT A MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN TRADE UNION UNITY (OATUU) WHICH IS SUPPOSEDLY TAKING PLACE THIS WEEK IN TRIPOLI. ACCORDING TO AN ICFTU OFFICIAL THE OATUU MEETING IN TRIPOLI WAS CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING THE OATUU PETROLEUM CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN ACCRA MARCH 17-18.

2. ICFTU GENERAL SECRETARY KERSTEN RECENTLY TOLD THE MISSION LABOR ATTACHE THAT THE ACCRA CONFERENCE WAS INSPIRED BY THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT. KERSTEN SAID
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THAT IN ADDITION TO THE ANTICIPATED PRESENCE OF THE

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ICFTU'S AFRICAN AFFILIATES AT THE CONFERENCE, THAT SEVERAL UNIONS IN EUROPE AFFILIATED WITH THE ICFTU HAD ALSO BEEN INVITED TO SEND OBSERVERS TO ACCRA. HOWEVER, THE ICFTU ITSELF HAS NOT RECEIVED AN INVITATION. HE CONSIDERED THIS PART OF A GRAND SCHEME BY "ANTI-DEMOCRATIC FORCES" IN AFRICA TO DISCREDIT THE ICFTU AND AN EFFORT TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL AND ITS VARIOUS AFRICAN AFFILIATES.

3. THE MISSION WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY INFORMATION REGARDING THE MEETINGS IN TRIPOLI AND ACCRA. GREENWALD

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